

DC Statewide Independent Living Council Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2014

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Attendees

<u>District of Columbia Statewide Independent Council Board Members</u>

Elver Ariza-Silva, Vice Chair Marsha Thompson, SILC Secretary Yvonne Smith Richard A. Simms L. Thomas Mangrum, Jr. Yolandra Plummer Tiffany Sanders Catherine Dillahunt (Excused) Dahlia G. Johnson

Rehabilitation Services Administrations (RSA)

Andrew Reese, Deputy Director Darnise Henry Bush, DC-RSA Program Liaison

Universal Legal Services

Rohini Singh

Call to Order

The meeting was call to Order at 12:25 by Elver Ariza –Silva and each member introduced themselves.

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Minutes

The minutes of July 25, 2014, were read by Mrs. Marsha Thompson and approved by the Board.

Tribute to Bobby

Tribute was paid to by Elver Ariza-Silver, Marsha Thompson, Yvonne Smith, Richard Simms and Darnise Bush speaking of his vision for the SILC.

Membership Update/Recruitment

Yvonne Smith made a motion to appoint Elver as the SILC's chairperson. Darnise explained to her that according to the Bylaws and Regulations, since Elver is the vice chair, he is the acting chair. Yvonne's motion was withdrawn. ? Marsha read Article IV, Sections 2 and 3, relating to terms of office and vacancies.

Yvonne made a motion that Elver be elected as chair to serve out the previous chair's term. Marshal seconded, no discussion all in favor, motion accepted.

The election for new officers will be held January 2015.

By-Laws Review/Revision

It was stated that the by-laws will be reviewed.

There was some discussion about the membership of the SILC. Richard Simms suggested that ring in a person/s that they think may be good for the SILC. After some discussion with the potential candidates, the present members decide which application will be sent to Boards and Commissions.

Yvonne Smith suggested giving members a stipend for attending the meeting. She thinks this will help with the attendance. Andy Reese said there is a rule that person who are employed cannot receive a stipend. He also said that DDS/DDA has a policy about stipends for people that participle in some of their advisory meetings. He is going to check into this matter. It was suggested that Andy Reese check to see what is allowable, and how other Boards work with similar situations. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

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Richard Simms mentioned that he is working with a 30 group, test group that is testing the google glasses. Google glasses are glasses with lens that has a video camera that takes pictures of something and reads it back to you. He feels that these glasses my help increase the function of some people with disabilities.

Letter of resignation will be written for the members who are no longer interested in serving on the Board asking them to sign it. Darnise and Dahlia will draft the letter.

It was decided that the next SILC Meeting will be Thursday, November 20, 2014.

National Employment Month for Persons with Disabilities

Darnise stated that for the last 10 years we have sponsored and Youth and Consumer Forum, and this year we've done nothing.

Elver volunteered to take some SILC brochures and display them on his table for the SchoolTalk Forum.

704 Monitoring Report

Darnise Bush explained that the 704 is based on events the SILC has participate in alone or in partnerships that promotes to persons with disabilities. She stated that the report is due on December 15, 2014 and would like all comments by November 20, 2014.

SILC Resource Planning for 2015

Darnise Bush said the resource plan is the spending plan for the SILC. The SILC is to make sure all the expenditures are appropriate carried out for the next fiscal year.

Andy Reese will send a copy of the Stat Plan to Elver to see how it is outlined and sufficient or if there need to be changes.

It was suggested that the stipend be add into the budget.

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CSNA

The entire interviews went well and now we're waiting on the feedback. We should be receiving the draft in November and the final report in is expected in December.

New Business

There was discussion about the SILC being consumer driven and autonomous. It is felt that the members need to sit down and have a real plan, step by step. It was also stated that the SILC is driven by the federal law. In order to be in compliance, the SILC needs to be autonomous. Federal funds cannot be used to file for 501 C3 status. It was suggested that a committee be established and me with Felipe Lulli, United States Department of Education to discuss autonomy.

The SILC's Executive Board will be in charge of the SILC's autonomy.

Announcements

A National Webinar will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, from 3:00-4:30, titled "Leading Statewide Strategic Planning". Members are encouraged to attend.

Members were asked to review the State Plan.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.